WELSH INFORMATION STANDARDS BOARD

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DATA STANDARDS CHANGE NOTICE

A Data Standards Change Notice (DSCN) is an information mandate for a new or revised information standard.

This DSCN was approved by the Welsh Information Standards Board (WISB) at its meeting on Thursday 16th November 2023.

WISB Reference: ISRN 2023 /029

Summary:
To expand the scope to include nurse led activity under the Admitted Patient Care dataset to align with the Outpatients and Outpatients Referral dataset.

Data sets / returns affected:
Admitted Patient Care Dataset

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The Welsh Information Standards Board is responsible for appraising information standards. Submission documents and WISB Outcomes relating to the approval of this standard can be found at:

https://nhswales365.sharepoint.com/sites/DHC_DST/Lists/Information%20Standards%20Assurance%20Submission%20Log/AllItems.aspx

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Introduction

Following the inclusion of Nurse Activity in the Outpatient Data Set (OP Ds) and Outpatient Referral Data Set (OPR Ds), discussions have been taking place within IQI (Information Quality Improvement Group) to look at the way in which Nurse Activity is currently being conducted and captured in the Admitted Patient Care Data Set (APC Ds).

The change was introduced in the OP Ds and OPR Ds to update the Data Item Consultant Code, to support the national submission of the Registration Number for any nurse (including midwives) meeting the definition of Clinic Appointment (Non Consultant/Nurse Led). Where the Registration Number for the nurse or midwife is not registered with the Welsh Reference Data Service (WRDS), that the following codes should be used:
- o M9999998 – Midwife
- o N9999998 – Nurse

Currently in the APC Ds, Midwife Led Code Unknown (M9999998) is a valid value. However, Nurse/Midwife Pins and Nurse Led Code Unknown (N9999998) are not valid values. Meaning any use of Nurse Pins is flagged as invalid activity.

It has been established that as a result reporting inconsistencies exist across Wales, due to Nurse activity that is occurring in all health boards, but is recorded in a variety of ways in the APC submission. E.g. submitted as done but as a result failing checks, or Nurse activity assigned under consultants in the data submissions in order to pass checks. Therefore, it has been agreed by Welsh Government to align the APC scope with the OPR/OPA Data sets to include Nurse Led activity.

Description of Change

To increase the scope of the Admitted Patient Care data set (APC ds) to include nurse led activity, specifically to:
- Update the definition scope of the APC Ds to encompass activity as outlined in Appendix B.
- Update the Data Item Consultant Code to support the national submission of the Registration Number for any nurse (including midwives) meeting the definition of Clinic Appointment (Non Consultant/Nurse Led). Where the Registration Number for the nurse or midwife is not registered with the Welsh Reference Data Service (WRDS), that the following codes should be used:
    - o M9999998 - Midwife
    - o N9999998 - Nurse

Data Dictionary Version

Where applicable, this DSCN reflects changes introduced by DSCN and/or DDCN since the release of version 4.19 of the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.

The changes introduced by such DSCNs will be published in version 4.20 of the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.

Actions Required

Actions for Local Health Boards / Trusts:
- Apply the additional clarity provided by the scope definitions for the APC Ds
- Implement the revised scope and work to add nurse and midwife registration numbers to the Welsh Reference Data Service (WRDS) and incorporate these identifiers into APC Ds records from 1st April 2024

Actions for Digital Health and Care Wales:
- Update Validity VASS check 50115 to include Nursing Pins

Appendix A: Table reflecting areas that are impacted as a result of this DSCN

The following table shows where there are changes to the scope and/or definitions of applicable data sets, data items, terms and other associated areas that are linked with the changes documented within this DSCN.

Each data definition type is listed in alphabetical order and is shown in the sequence in which it appears in this DSCN.

Data Definition Type	Name	New/Retired/ Changed	Page Number
Data set Scope	Admitted Patient Care	Changed	5

Appendix B: Highlighted changes to be made to the NHS Wales Data Dictionary

Changes to the NHS Wales Data Dictionary are detailed below, with new text being highlighted in **blue** and deletions are shown with a ~~strikethrough.~~ The text shaded in **grey** shows existing text copied from the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.

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Admitted Patient Care Data Set (APC Ds)

Scope

The Admitted Patient Care (APC) data set captures data for all consultant-led or non-consultant/nurse led (including Midwives) admitted patient activity, regardless of the patient's area of residence.

Once admitted a patient may have several episodes within a hospital spell. All episodes, including unfinished episodes should be captured within the APC data set. Any activity which is not undertaken by a consultant or non-consultant/nurse led (or a member of their firm) should be excluded.

All NHS activity regardless of the care provider is included. Private patients seen at an NHS organisation are also included.

From April 2009 assessment unit activity has been required to be reported in the APC data set.

NHS Digital provide data on Welsh resident or registered patients treated in English NHS organisations.

Data Set Structure

FIRST INTRODUCED 1ST APRIL 1999

Rating 1=mandatory 2=optional		PEDW data item	Format/length
1	Record Id		an1
	CONTRACT DETAILS		
1	Organisation Code (Code of Provider)	Yes	an5
1	Organisation Code (Code of Commissioner)	Yes	an5
1	Commissioning Serial Number	Yes	an6
1	Commissioners Reference Number		an17
	PATIENT DETAILS		
1	NHS Number	Yes	n10
1	NHS Number Status Indicator	Yes	n2
1	Patient's name	Yes	an70 or structured name with 2 an35 elements
1	Name Format Code	Yes	n1

1	Patient's Usual Address	Yes	an175 (5 lines each an35)
1	Postcode of Usual Address	Yes	an8
1	Organisation Code (LHB Area of Residence)		an3
1	Sex	Yes	n1
1	Marital Status (Mandatory for Psychiatric Patients)	Yes	an1
1	Birth Date	Yes	ccyymmdd
1	Birth Date Status	Yes	n1
1	General Medical Practitioner (code of registered GMP) *	Yes	an8
1	Local Patient Identifier	Yes	an10
1	Ethnic Group	Yes	an2
1	Legal Status Classification	Yes	n2 - Legal Status Classification and Administrative Category replaced Category of Patient in April 1999
	REFERRAL DETAILS		
1	Referrer Code	Yes	an8
1	Referring Organisation Code	Yes	an6
	PROVIDER SPELL DETAILS		
1	Hospital Provider Spell Number	Yes	an12
1	Administrative Category	Yes	n2 - Legal Status Classification and
1	Decision to Admit Date	Yes	ccyymmdd
1	Decision to Admit Date Status	Yes	n1
1	Start Date (Hospital Provider Spell)	Yes	ccyymmdd
1	Admission Method (Hospital Provider Spell)	Yes	n2
1	Duration of Elective Wait	Yes	n4
1	Intended Management	Yes	n1
1	Source of Admission (Hospital Provider Spell)	Yes	n2

1	Discharge Date (Hospital Provider Spell)	Yes	ccyymmdd
1	Discharge Date Status	Yes	n1
1	Discharge Method (Hospital Provider Spell)	Yes	n1
1	Discharge Destination (Hospital Provider Spell)	Yes	n2
1	Patient Classification	Yes	n1
1	Healthcare Resource Group	Yes	an3 –Health Resource Group (HRG) replaced (DRG) in April 2000
	CONSULTANT EPISODE DETAILS		
1	Episode Number	Yes	n2
1	Last Episode in Spell Indicator		n1
1	Site Code (of treatment)	Yes	an5
1	Ward Type at Start of Episode	Yes	n7
1	Start Date (Consultant Episode)	Yes	ccyymmdd
1	End date (Consultant Episode)	Yes	ccyymmdd
1	End Date Status	Yes	n1
1	Main Specialty (consultant)		n3
1	Treatment Function Code	Yes	n3
1	Local Sub Specialty	Yes	an3
1	Consultant Code	Yes	an8
1	First Regular Day or Night Admission	Yes	n1
1	Neonatal Level of Care	Yes	n1
1	Psychiatric Patient Status	Yes	n1
	Diagnostic Codes		
	Mandatory ICD-10 diagnostic coding		
1	Primary (ICD)	Yes	an6
1	1st Secondary (ICD)	Yes	an6
1	2nd Secondary (ICD)	Yes	an6

1	3rd Secondary (ICD)	Yes	an6
1	4th Secondary (ICD)	Yes	an6
1	5th Secondary (ICD)		an6
1	6th Secondary (ICD)		an6
1	7th Secondary (ICD)		an6
1	8th Secondary (ICD)		an6
1	9th Secondary (ICD)		an6
1	10th Secondary (ICD)		an6
1	11th Secondary (ICD)		an6
1	12th Secondary (ICD)		an6
1	13th Secondary (ICD)		an6
1	Histological Diagnosis	Yes	an6
1	Source of Histological Diagnosis	Yes	n1
	Patient Procedure Codes		
1	Operation Status		n1
	Mandatory OPCS procedure coding (up to 12 Operative Procedures per episode)		
1	Primary Procedure (OPCS)	Yes	an4
1	Procedure Date	Yes	ccyymmdd
1	Procedure Date Status	Yes	n1
1	2nd Procedure (OPCS) - 12th Procedure (OPCS) items as for Primary Procedure (OPCS)	Yes (up to 4th procedure for PEDW)	an4
1	Record Type	Yes	n2
	Waiting List Details		
1	Waiting List Date	Yes	ccyymmdd
1	Waiting List Date Status	Yes	n1
	GP Practice Details		
1	Code of Registered GP Practice	Yes	an6
	Time Details		
1	Start Time (Hospital Provider Spell)		hh:mm:ss
1	Discharge Time (Hospital Provider Spell)		hh:mm:ss

1	Start Time (Consultant Episode)		hh:mm:ss
1	End Time (Consultant Episode)		hh:mm:ss